



Southeast Asia Seminar Series,
St. Antony's College,
University of Oxford



Wednesday, 28 October

Deakin Room, Founder's Building, St Antony's College, 2.00-3.30pm

Postgraduate Taster Seminar

*Postgraduate students doing research
on Southeast Asia present
their work in progress for critical feedback*

Klara Christensen (Social Policy and Intervention, St Antony's)
Voices of the Myanmar Youth

With Myanmar's long history of ethnic tensions, a crucial factor for a sustainable transition process is the successful inclusion of youth from various ethnicities. This talk looks into how music can be used as a tool for inter-ethnic cohesion among youth groups, and what possibilities and challenges music projects face in the cultural context of Myanmar and in a broader perspective.

Melyn McKay (Social Anthropology, Exeter)
Powerful Spirits: Gender and self-fashioning at the margins of Burmese Buddhist nationalism

This research explores the interior lives and exterior works of women as a means of problematizing current understandings of MaBaTha and religio-nationalist violence in Myanmar. I seek to map the ways in which social and religious networks serve to inhibit, encourage, or even inflame women's support for MaBaTha.

Lauren Nishimura (Law, St Edmund Hall)
Climate change and migration: Developing new approaches to protection for migrants

Climate change impacts will prompt human migration on an unprecedented scale, which international refugee, human rights, and environmental law is unprepared to address. In the absence of international protections, what legal solutions can be developed that are both feasible and address the needs and rights of migrants? Lauren Nishimura will explore more localized approaches focusing on South and Southeast Asia.

Frances O'Morchoe (History, Somerville)
Borderland Peoples and the Making of the Thai-Burma Border, c.1850-1950

The speaker's thesis will study the history of upland peoples of Southeast Asia through the nineteenth and twentieth-century transition from overlapping states to colonial and national states. Frances O'Morchoe will examine the historical effects of borders on the peoples bisected by them, as well as asking how borderland peoples impacted wider historical processes.

All are welcome

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